

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT
BILL NO. 2006-50
(Imposes a regional sewer connection charge)

This business impact statement was prepared pursuant to NRS 237.090 to address the impact of a proposed ordinance, Bill No. 2006-50, that will impose a regional sewer connection charge. The purpose of the connection charge is to help finance the construction of a Systems Conveyance and Operations Program (SCOP). SCOP has been initiated by the Clean Water Coalition (CWC), a coalition of local governments, in order to address the need to provide alternatives to protect water quality in the Las Vegas Wash and Las Vegas Bay of Lake Mead.

1. The following constitutes a description of the number of the manner in which comment was solicited from affected businesses, a summary of their responses and an explanation of the manner in which other interested persons may obtain a copy of the summary.

In addition to ongoing outreach efforts by CWC and its member agencies, CWC, on behalf of its member agencies, published a notice regarding the proposed connection charge in the Las Vegas Review-Journal on the following dates: May 30, May 31, and June 1, 2006. No comments were received by the City in response.

2. The estimated economic effect of the proposed rule on businesses, including, without limitation, both adverse and beneficial effects, and both direct and indirect effects:

Adverse effects:

Increased costs of doing business in locations that are subject to the charge.

Beneficial effects:

Long-term benefits of contributing to improved water quality.

Direct effects:

Increased costs of establishing business operations subject to the charge.

Indirect effects:

Long-term benefits of contributing to improved water quality.

3. The following constitutes a description of the methods the local government considered to reduce the impact of the proposed rule on businesses and a statement regarding whether any, and if so which, of these methods were used:

None

4. The governing body estimates the annual cost to the local government for enforcement of the proposed rule is:

No additional cost

5. If the proposed rule provides for a new fee or increases an existing fee, the total annual amount expected to be collected is:

Unknown, to depend on business development. Estimated range of \$4 million to \$8 million.

6. If the proposed rule provides for a new fee or increases an existing fee, the money generated by the new fee or increase in existing fee will be used by the local government to:

Meet the City's obligations to CWC regarding the City's share of the costs of SCOP.

7. If the proposed rule includes provisions that duplicate or are more stringent than federal, state or local standards regulating the same activity, the following explains when such duplicative or more stringent provisions are necessary:

Not applicable

Date: August 8, 2006